

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

The Examiner has indicated that claims 9-12, which were originally filed as claims 8-11, have been amended through an Examiner's Amendment. It is presumed that the dependencies of the dependent claims have also been properly amended.

With that understanding, please CANCEL claim 8, without prejudice or disclaimer, AMEND claim 9, and ADD new claim 13, in accordance with the following:

1-8. (canceled)

9. (currently amended) A medium, comprising:

a lead-in area;

a user data area;

a lead-out area; and

a recording information area, separate from the lead-in, user data, and lead-out areas, which comprises a Power Calibration Area (PCA) and a Recording Management Area (RMA) comprising write protection information to control unwanted writing or erasing of the entire medium, except for the PCA and RMA, with the write protection information being provided in at least one area of the RMA area.

10. (previously presented) The information storage medium of claim 9, wherein the write protection information is stored in a field 0 of a Recording Management Data (RMD) area of the RMA area of the medium.

11. (previously presented) The information storage medium of claim 10, wherein the write protection information is stored in a Byte Position (BP) 2 of the field 0 of the RMD area of the RMA area of the medium.

12. (previously presented) The information storage medium of claim 9, wherein writing of data on the medium is prohibited when the write protection information is set to a write protection state.

13. (new) The information storage medium of claim 9, wherein the medium is a medium complying with a DVD-R, DVD-RW, DVD+RW, or DVD RAM specification.